

related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2267. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

On December 2, 1997:

H.R. 1254. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 1919 West Bennett Street in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building."

On December 5, 1997:

H.R. 1493. An act to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2626. An act to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the 1st session, 105th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

On November 19, 1997:

S. 813. An act to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries.

On November 20, 1997:

S. 669. An act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

S. 858. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

S. 1231. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1347. An act to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city.

S. 1377. An act to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction.

On November 21, 1997:

S. 714. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, extend, and improve programs for veterans.

S. 830. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 923. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit interment or memorialization in certain cemeteries of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes.

S. 1258. An act to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act.

On November 26, 1997:

S. 1026. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

On December 1, 1997:

S. 819. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 200 South Washington

Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse."

S. 833. An act to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse."

S. 1228. An act to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes.

S. 1354. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers.

S. 1378. An act to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

S. 1417. An act to provide for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a Center for Performing Arts within the complex known as the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center and for other purposes.

S. 1505. An act to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1507. An act to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to make certain technical corrections.

S. 1519. An act to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

On December 2, 1997:

S. 156. An act to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 476. An act to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000.

S. 738. An act to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1139. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1161. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

S. 1193. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1559. An act to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University.

S. 1565. An act to make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act.

S.J. Res. 39. Joint resolution to provide for the convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

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SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1371. An act to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] and the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER].

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, at long last we have an Amtrak reform bill here on the floor which has strong bipartisan support. It is a bill which has the reforms in it which are so necessary. It is a bill which provides for the board, which is the creation of a new board which is constitutional and which has the degree of independence necessary to make the tough decisions. It provides for the management to be able to make decisions with regard to the route configuration. Indeed, it gives Amtrak a fighting chance to succeed and survive.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 738, the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that we have been able to reach a bipartisan agreement on an amendment to S. 738. Over the past 24 hours, we have been able to reach consensus with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle on the issue of the Amtrak board of directors. This amendment will provide Amtrak with the reforms it so badly needs, as well as release of the \$2.3 billion in capital funds that were provided in the Taxpayer Relief Act.

The amendment adopts the basic principles and reforms of S. 738, the bill passed by the Senate last Friday by unanimous consent, and makes limited but important changes that will ensure successful implementation of long overdue Amtrak reforms.

This amendment contains the labor, liability, and contracting-out provisions that were included in the Senate bill with no changes.

I am pleased that the reforms in this amendment will allow Amtrak, for the first time in its 26-year history, to operate more like a business and cut costs.

On the issue of labor protection, the Senate bill contains a provision that is almost identical to reforms that were included in the House bill, H.R. 2247. The provision will repeal the statutory guarantee that Amtrak provide up to 6 years of labor protection to any employee who is laid off due to a route elimination or frequency reduction to below three times per week. This issue would be sent to collective bargaining, under a 180-day accelerated bargaining process.

The current ban on contracting out any work other than food and beverage service if it would result in the layoff of a single employee would also be repealed in the Senate bill. This issue would be sent to collective bargaining, but would not be negotiable until the next round of contract negotiations, unless the parties mutually agreed to take it up before then.

The Senate bill also provides for a global cap of \$200 million on tort liability for death or injury to a passenger, or damage to property of a passenger. It also includes a requirement